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BATHING OF PATIENTS

1. Every patient shall be bathed immediately after admission and at least once a week afterwards, unless in a special case the Medical Officer directs otherwise. If it is thought the physical condition of the patient makes bathing inadvisable medical advice must be sought.
2. Unless nurses are otherwise directed or authorised by the doctor in charge of the patient bathing must take place under continuous supervision, and the bath must be prepared by a nurse.
3. **COLD WATER IS ALWAYS TO BE TURNED ON FIRST.** Before a patient enters the bath the temperature of the water is to be taken with a thermometer and should not be less than 88°F. or above 98°F. No additional hot or cold water should be added to the bath whilst the patient is in it.
4. Not more than one patient is to be bathed in the same water.
5. No patient should be allowed access to Bath keys. When not in use they are to be locked in the medicine cupboard.
6. Anything unusual noted about a patient such as marks or injuries to be immediately reported.

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